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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please substitute page 1, paragraph 1 for the paragraph in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 1, Paragraph 1." Specific amendments to page 1, paragraph 1 are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 08/389,712, filed February 14, 1995[, pending, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. patent Application Serial No. 08/011,669, which in turn is a Continuation-in-Part of PCT Application No. PCT/US92/08220, currently pending].

In the Claims

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. Specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

60. (Amended) A method for preparing an intravascular stent effective to maintain vessel luminal area in a mammal, comprising a) selecting a cytostatic therapeutic agent which does not exhibit substantial cytotoxicity and which does not inhibit or prevent extracellular matrix secretion or synthesis; and b) introducing into the matrix of the intravascular stent an amount of [a] the cytostatic therapeutic agent [which does not exhibit substantial cytotoxicity, which agent is] effective to reduce or inhibit stenosis or restenosis of said vessel, wherein the therapeutic agent is not heparin or a radioisotope.

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